

RUSSIAN ARMY,
HOTLY PURSUED,
IS NEARING TIE

Despatches Received at St. Petersburg Today Gives Joyful Bit of Information to Dispell the General Gloom.

JAPANESE MOVE
IN DETACHMENTS

Official Report From Tokio Says Russians Lost Over 145,000, of Which 45,000 Are Prisoners and 26,500 Dead on Field.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—A Teling despatch states that the Russians are nearing the place this morning. The Japanese are moving north from Mukden in detachments.

ENORMOUS SPOILS.

Fruits of the Great Victory as Reported by Field Marshal Oyama.

Tokio, March 12.—Field Marshal Oyama, reporting yesterday, says: "Prisoners, spoils and the enemy's estimated casualties against our forces in the Shalke direction follow, but the prisoners, guns and spoils are increasing momentarily."

"The prisoners number over 40,000, including General Nachmow. The killed and wounded are estimated at 90,000. The enemy's dead left on the field number 26,500. The spoils include two flags, about sixty guns, 60,000 rifles, 150 ammunition wagons, 1,000 carts, 200,000 shells, 25,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 75,000 bushels of cereals, 275,000 bushels of fodder, 45 miles of light railway outfit, 2,000 horses, 23 carloads of maps, 1,000 carloads of clothing and accoutrements, 1,000,000 rations of bread, 70,000 tons of fuel and 60 tons of hay, besides tools, tents, bullocks, telegraph wire and poles, timber, beds, stores and numerous other property."

A WHOLE DIVISION
ALMOST ANNIHILATED

Japanese Legation at Washington Received Despatch This Afternoon Telling of Fearful Loss to the Russian Army.

Washington, March 12.—The Japanese legation this afternoon received the following from Tokio:

"In the direction of Hing King the enemy's loss has not yet been ascertained but more than 800 corpses have been found on the field. According to statements made by prisoners the 71st division of the Russian army was almost annihilated."

"Although the Russians burned their storehouses at Machunton and other places, still a large amount of war materials fell into our hands."

TOKIO ESTIMATES LOSSES.

Asserted Officially That Russian Casualties Are 145,000 Men.

Washington, March 12.—Two despatches have been received from Minister Grieson, under date of Tokio, March 12. They say that it is "officially reported that the Japanese army had captured 26,000 prisoners before the eleventh." Another official report says that the Russian losses are over 145,000, of which 40,000 are prisoners, 26,500 are dead on the field, and there are about 90,000 other casualties.

STILL DRIVING THEM.

Despatch To Tokio Says Country 25 to North of Mukden Cleared of Them.

Tokio, March 12.—A despatch just received here says:

"Our forces drove the enemy completely out of the districts twenty-five miles north of Mukden yesterday. We are still pursuing the Russians in all directions, inflicting heavy damage on the defeated enemy."

"The Russians abandoned countless carts of supplies and ammunition."

"One of the Russian officers of the Port Arthur garrison has been arrested for breaking his parole. The officer left Shanghai and went to Stimting."

TO RAISE NEW ARMY.

Russia Will Persist and Rojevsky Will Meet Togo.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—The immediate answer of the Russian government to the defeat at Mukden is the announcement that a new army will be raised and the forces in the Far East reorganized; that Vice Admiral

Rojevsky will be ordered to sail on and try conclusions with Togo, and that the war will be prosecuted to the bitter end.

This is the present temper of Emperor Nicholas and his dominant advisers, voiced in a firm official announcement that the position of Russia is unchanged and that the initiative for peace can only come from Japan. Should the island empire choose to tender "moderate" terms and recognize its adversary as the power in the far East, peace could be easily arranged; but the voice of her diplomacy in various parts of the world indicates that she is not ready to do this, and the Russian government, with the full magnitude of the disaster at Mukden still undetermined but with the 1905 campaign seemingly already hopelessly compromised, retreat to Harbin inevitable, and Vladivostok practically lost, declares that the time has not yet come when Russia can be forced to humble herself.

Troops Fired at In India.

London, March 12.—A Lahore, India, despatch states that during the military maneuvers in Peshawar district shots were fired on the troops from Afridi border.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY
IN DENVER, COLO.

George Schistler, Defeated in Law Suit, Killed Five Persons—Barricaded Himself to Prevent Arrest.

Denver, Colo., March 12.—George Schistler shot and killed Mr. and Mrs. K. Fill and their son in their home yesterday. He then set fire to the house. When attempting to arrest Schistler, Police Captain William Bohanna and Police Surgeon Frank Dulin were shot by him and seriously wounded. Schistler barricaded himself and held a large force of officers at bay for several hours, many shots being exchanged. The man was finally killed by Under Sheriff Felix O'Neill.

The wife of George Schistler is prostrated and may die from the shock. Schistler had been defeated in a law suit by Fill and brooded over the affair. He declared he would even matters. Fill saw Schistler approaching with a rifle and attempted to avoid him but Schistler sent a bullet into his brain and he fell dead.

Mrs. Fill rushed to her husband's side and received a bullet from Schistler's rifle. She, too, fell dead. Schistler then set fire to the Fill home, which was destroyed.

A child of the Fills is missing and is believed to have perished in the flames.

Satisfying himself that the flames would perform their mission, Schistler returned to his own home and barricaded himself. In the meantime neighbors appeared on the scene, but quickly retreated when bullets from Schistler's rifle began falling near them. A telephone message was sent to police headquarters and an ambulance with Police Surgeon Dulin, Captain Bohanna and three officers hurried to the scene.

Upon the arrival of the officers and before they could leave the ambulance a rain of bullets fell about them. Dulin and Bohanna fell to the floor of the ambulance wounded. Another shot from Schistler killed one of the horses. A call for reinforcements brought all the available men from police headquarters and the sheriff's office and a consultation was held to formulate a plan to capture Schistler. Firing squads were stationed in nearby houses and a larger force was placed in a portable bay made of baled hay piled upon a hay wagon. During the preliminary arrangements Schistler kept up a continuous fire in all directions. This was returned by the officers and hundreds of shots were exchanged. Finally Schistler ceased firing and the hay wagon fort was moved cautiously toward the house. When the attacking force reached the front gate without a shot being fired, one of the officers stepped out into view, thinking to draw the fire of Schistler if he were still alive. None came and with a rush the officers charged the house and battered down the door. They found Schistler lying upon a bed bleeding from several wounds. He died soon afterwards.

PLACE OF EPISODES.

Waterford Town Has Another Accident to Be Recorded.

St. Johnsbury, March 12.—The town of Waterford, which has of late been the scene of several sensational episodes, had another accident, whereby two citizens of that village are bearing the marks.

The Johnson brothers are engaged in rebuilding the mill which was leveled by fire six weeks ago, and one of the beams slipped and fell. Ernest Johnson, one of the owners, and Phineas Bedell were badly injured. Mr. Johnson received two gashes in his head and Mr. Bedell, who is 50 years old, sustained a lame back and a bruised head. Mr. Johnson was able to be out the following day, but it fared worse with Mr. Bedell, who feels the effects in severe soreness and lameness.

ROBBED OF \$3,000.

Bank of Genoa, Ohio, Lost Considerable Sum This Morning.

Toledo, Ohio, March 12.—The Bank of Genoa, at Genoa, Ohio, was robbed this morning of \$3,000.

BISHOP HALL
IS BETTER

Considerable Improvement in Condition This Morning

BUT IS STILL VERY ILL

Distinguished Prelate Had Operation for Appendicitis at Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington Saturday Afternoon.

Burlington, March 12.—Bishop A. C. A. Hall of the Episcopal diocese of Vermont, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Mary Fletcher hospital Saturday afternoon and whose condition was considered critical for several hours, was considerably improved today. Bishop Hall was taken ill a few days ago and compelled to cancel his engagements for Lenten services.

Dr. J. B. Wheeler, who assisted by Dr. A. Simmons, performed the operation, gave the following statement at 11 o'clock Saturday night: "Bishop Hall suffered an acute attack of appendicitis. The appendix, badly inflamed and in which an abscess had formed, was removed. While the patient's condition will at best continue grave for two or three days and until the danger of blood-poisoning it passed, I believe he has more than an even chance of recovery. The bishop stood the operation well, and his natural good physique is in his favor."

His condition first became alarming early Saturday, when physicians were summoned to "Rock Point," the episcopal residence. At that time the bishop was suffering severely from an attack promptly diagnosed as appendicitis. At a consultation that forenoon it was decided that an operation was imperative, and at noon the prelate was removed to the Mary Fletcher hospital, where the operation was performed late in the afternoon. At 6:30 o'clock Saturday night the bishop recovered from the effects of the anesthetic, but immediately after lapsed into unconsciousness, which state continued until about 9 o'clock.

Bishop Hall is one of the best-known prelates in the United States. He is also well known in England, of which country he is a native, and in Canada. For many years he was a member of the society of St. John the Evangelist of Cowley, Oxford, and was superior of the American branch of the order at Boston. The bishop is known both as a preacher and writer. Bishop Hall never married, his only relative being a sister in England.

A HITCH AT QUINCY.

Cutters Ratify New Bill of Prices, but Do Not Go to Work Today.

Quincy, Mass., March 12.—At the same meeting Saturday at which the striking granite cutters ratified the settlement proposition arranged by the committee and the manufacturers, they voted not to return to work today on account of the failure of the striking tool sharpeners and the manufacturers to reach a working agreement.

The blacksmiths asked for an increase from \$2.90 to \$3 per day, and for a clause that should provide that in dull seasons a firm which employed a journeyman and apprentice, and found it necessary to reduce help, should retain the journeyman and discharge the apprentice.

It is understood that the manufacturers' committee granted the ten cents increase per day in wages that was asked, but the hitch came on the apprentice clause.

FRAUD NOT BELIEVED.

Although 77 More Votes Were Cast on License Issue at Swanton.

Swanton, March 12.—The fact that 77 more votes were cast on the license question Tuesday than were cast for any town office has led to considerable discussion, fraud being claimed in some instances. This difference is easily explained, as 22 votes cast for town officers were thrown out as illegal on account of the name of a candidate for school commissioner not being detached from the ballot for selection, as directed. This cuts it down to 55 in excess and as the voting on the license question continued three hours after the town officers were elected, it is not strange that 55 late comers should vote on the principal issue of the day.

THE ELOPING MINISTER.

Rev. J. P. Cordova Placed on Trial This Morning.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 12.—The trial of Rev. J. P. Cordova, the eloping pastor, was begun this morning. He was indicted for abandoning his wife and children. Mrs. Cordova was the first witness. She testified that her husband told her prior to his leaving home in May that he was going and she would never see him again. Letters from Cordova to his wife urging her to get a divorce were admitted. In these letters he said he cared for their four children only.

IN PURSUIT
OF ROBBER

Two Bethel Stores Burglarized Last Night.

\$40 WAS TAKEN FROM ONE

Man Suspected Left Remnants of a Pie Which He Had Purchased From Restaurant in Afternoon.

Bethel, March 12.—Deputy Sheriff E. E. Cushman is hot on the trail of a robber who broke into three places in Bethel last night and he expects to land him behind the bars before this evening. The trail leads in the direction of Randolph and the deputy, accompanied by Roscoe Morse, left this forenoon in pursuit.

The robber sometimes Sunday night broke into a railroad section house near the village and stole several bars. With the aid of these bars the robber, who is thought to be an amateur in the crime, pried open a window in the store of Abbott & Cady, keepers of general merchandise. He first went through the money drawer and then swung open the door of the safe, which was not locked. He got \$40 in money and also appropriated a pair of men's shoes, size five and one-half. It is thought that he may have taken a new hat too, but the merchants are not certain about that.

After leaving Abbott & Cady's store, the robber pried open the front door of the jewelry store of H. B. Leuse. Here he took several small articles of no great value. He got into the money drawer but found no money.

As soon as the robbery was discovered this morning suspicion was directed toward a man who was seen hanging about yesterday afternoon. Deputy Cushman has a good description of him. The fellow applied at Pratt's restaurant Sunday afternoon and was served with food, including pie. Remnants of a pie were found in the section house, from which the bars were taken.

A STEALING CHARGE.

Nelson Bushey Is Held Under Bail of \$300 for Hearing.

Montpelier, March 12.—Nelson Bushey is held under \$300 to await a hearing before county court on a charge of stealing two blankets and a rifle from Albert Brown, who is keeper of the Hammett property in East Montpelier, he having been arrested by Constable Smith at the home of George O. Boyce on the Worcester Branch. It appears that Bushey worked for Brown, and there was some disagreement over wages. One of the blankets was found at the Boyce house and the other blanket and the rifle at the house of one Brunell, to whom Bushey said he traded them. He says that he got the articles from Brown through a trade.

TERRIBLY BURNED.

Mrs. Celia Hitchcock of Northfield, Elderly Lady, in Precarious Condition.

Northfield, March 12.—Mrs. Celia Hitchcock, living on Central street, narrowly escaped burning to death last night at 6:30. She is about 80 years old and has been confined to bed for several weeks with an attack of jaundice. In an attempt to get up and light a lamp she let the lamp fall, the oil igniting with the match already lighted. Her clothing immediately took fire and before assistance came her hands and arms were badly burned. Mrs. Kendall, living in another part of the house, was aroused by her cries for help and carried Mrs. Hitchcock into another room and threw the burning clothes into the street. Dr. C. A. Shaw was immediately called to dress the wounds, but it is feared that in her already weak condition, the shock will be too great for her.

WAS A MISSIONARY.

Rev. Lewis Grant Died at Brattleboro, Aged 91 Years.

Brattleboro, March 12.—The Rev. Lewis Grant died here yesterday in his 91st year. He was a native of this place and graduated from Yale in 1842 and from Andover Theological seminary in 1846. From 1846 to 1862 he was a missionary of the American board and was stationed at Natal, South Africa. He compiled the first and only authoritative grammar of the Zulu language. After the close of his services as a missionary he held several pastorates in Vermont, including one at Sudbury. He was widely known as a writer on South African subjects.

The funeral will be held Wednesday.

EAST DORSET MEN SHOT.

Frank and James Bushee Accuse William Mason of Shooting.

Rutland, March 12.—Frank and James Bushee, brothers, were shot Saturday evening by William Mason of East Dorset, at whose house they lived. The men had a controversy over a trivial matter and the brothers state that Mason deliberately shot them. Mason was arrested by Sheriff H. S. Wilson and taken to Arlington this morning. Frank Bushee was brought to the Rutland hospital with a bullet in his hand and leg.

ANNUAL INDOOR MEET.

Goddard Juniors Won Athletic Contest Saturday.

The annual indoor athletic meet between the classes at Goddard seminary occurred Saturday afternoon, and resulted in a victory for the Junior class, they having 44 points to their credit, against 31 for the Seniors. White, '05, received the medal for being the best all-round athlete, winning four firsts.

The results were as follows:

High jump, won by White with five feet one inch.

Twenty yards dash, Brown 1st, Booth 2nd, time 3 2-5 seconds.

Running broad jump, Booth 1st, 16 feet.

Standing broad, White 1st, 9 feet, 10 inches.

Exhibition on parallel bars, Booth 1st, Richardson 2nd. The latter was commended highly by the officials.

Fence vault, White first, 6 feet, 3 inches.

Potato race, Ball first.

High dive, White first.

TESTIMONIALS OF ESTEEM.

Funeral of Caroline McDonald Held Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Caroline McDonald was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the house on Bassett street. The Rev. F. A. Poole of the Congregational church was the officiating clergyman. The house would hardly hold the large number of friends and relatives who attended. The Ladies of Clan Gordon order of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body. There was a wealth of flowers.

Music was furnished by a quartette composed of George Ingles, Miss Emma Phillips, Miss Annie Ingles and Alex Robertson.

The pall bearers were Alex Trail, Thomas Dobie, Charles Hannon, William Brown, James Marshall and Duncan McMillan. The body was placed in the receiving vault at Elmwood cemetery.

The floral tributes were: Pillow, father and mother; cross, sisters and brothers; wreath, Duncan McMillan and family; wreath, Thomas Dobie, Alex Trail, Johnnie Hughes, Will Hughes, Tom Perry, Leo Lawrence, Chas. Harmon; basket, with dove, Ladies of Clan Gordon; broken wreath and sickle, employees of Marr & Gordon; calla lilies, Wm. Moir and wife; carnations, Wm. Morrison and wife; carnations, Rebecca Chesser; calla lilies, John Lily and wife; carnations, Wm. McKenzie; carnations, Robert Imah; carnations and roses, James Edwards and family; roses and carnations, W. S. Page and wife; carnations, Lottie Mortimer; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jeffery; tulips, F. H. Rogers and wife; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith; carnations, James Imah and wife, F. L. Burnham and wife, John Murray and wife; Bella Fraser and Maggie Brown; tulips, George Patterson and wife; carnations, Peter Emale and wife, Mrs. M. Marriam and son, Mr. and Mrs. James Elrick, Mr. and Mrs. F. McRae; John Brown and wife; tulips, Frank Mearns and wife; carnations, Christina McKenzie and John Kesson, Elton Barrett, Mrs. F. Merchant and Mrs. Nicol; calla lilies, Wm. Johnson, Nellie Johnson and Jennie McMillan; carnations, Maggie Thompson; roses, J. W. McMillan, Sr.; carnations, Belle Duncan; tulips, Crissie Baer; carnations, Wm. Kesson; roses, Geo. Gray and wife; carnations, Mrs. Wm. Mackay; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Scott; tulips, Mrs. Alex Gordon; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. P. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Dean; tulips, James Coutts and wife; carnations, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McMillan, Jr.; carnations, Baracoe class, Congregational church; carnations, Ed. Smith and James Odgers; clematis, Mrs. Park; carnations, Mrs. McKernan; primrose and anemone, Deane Bassett.

FUNERAL OF C. ALAMINI.

Remains Accompanied to Elmwood Cemetery by Many People.

The funeral of Cesare Aladini, who died at the Emergency hospital, was held at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from the home of B. Ferrari of Pleasant street. There was a very large attendance. The Italian Foresters and the Italian band attended in a body and escorted the remains to Elmwood cemetery, where it was placed in the vault. The funeral procession included about 175 men on foot and also a band.

CONSUMPTION THE CAUSE.

Felix Prestini Died Last Night at Age of 40 Years.

Felix Prestini, aged 45 years, died at 11 o'clock last night at his home on Short street after about three years' illness with consumption. He was a stone cutter, and had lived in this city seventeen years.

He leaves a widow and two children, aged nine and twelve. He was a member of the Foresters of America.

The funeral will be held from the house Wednesday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

Death of Neil Olsen's Son.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Olsen of Third street, aged 1 month and 29 days, died yesterday of bronchitis. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the house, the Rev. Mr. Kallgren officiating. The body was placed in the vault in Elmwood cemetery.

Funeral Held Yesterday.

The funeral of the young son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bardelli who died Saturday afternoon was held from the house at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the body was placed in the vault at Elmwood cemetery.

RECOUNT
ASKED FOR

Of Vote in City Election For Second Constable.

ONLY 43 VOTES IN ALL

Were Cast for Fifteen Candidates—Henry Frenier and John Rowley Were the Leaders.

Henry Frenier, one of the two candidates who each received 10 votes apiece for second constable, last Tuesday, has petitioned for a recount of the vote. Although Mr. Frenier received only 10 votes, no larger vote was cast for any candidate for that office, and the total vote for all candidates for second constable in Barre was 43, and this on a day when the largest total vote was 1602. Henry Frenier and John Rowley led with 10 votes each. The remaining 23 votes were divided between 13 candidates as follows: E. E. Perry 6, M. Nichols 5, A. R. Laviolette 2, and T. O. Parker, James McConnell, Wm. Buchanan, R. T. Gordon, E. F. Smith, O. L. Cheever, G. H. Anker, L. Gauthier, H. D. Camp and Wm. Hanson received one vote each. This small vote for second constable was due to the fact that there was no name of any candidate printed on the official ballot. Only one man was nominated in any of the caucuses—E. E. Perry—and he withdrew to run as candidate for first constable on nomination papers. No name was put in the place of his on the ballot. When the vote was counted it was found there was a tie for first place, something unlooked for, and the question immediately arose how it was to be straightened out. The city charter does not provide for any such contingency and the statutes only make provision for cases in which a majority vote elects.

Mr. Frenier filed his petition for a recount today, and it has not yet come before the city council.

CARNIVAL NIGHT
FOR THE ITALIANS

Big Crowd of Sons and Daughters of Sunny Italy Gathered in Hale's Pavilion Saturday Evening and Had Fine Time.

Saturday evening was observed as carnival night by the Italian colony of Barre with a masquerade ball in the pavilion hall. The largest company ever in the hall was gathered there on this occasion and a most enjoyable evening was passed. A large number wore unique costumes. The prizes for the costumes were awarded as follows: first prize, M. Rizzi; second prize, R. Bottigelli; third prize, George Sironi; children's prizes, first, Henry Fessola; second, J. Guidici. About \$125 dollars were made from the dance, which sum goes for the benefit of the Italian paper Cronaca Soverviva.

FOR NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Northfield School District Votes To Build, 24 to 15.

Northfield, March 12.—The adjourned town school district meeting was held at the village hall Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by Moderator J. H. Winch. Article nine of the warrant to see if the town would authorize the board of school directors to purchase sites and erect buildings was carried by a vote of 24 to 15. It was voted to hold the school district meetings on the first Saturday after the first Tuesday in March in village hall.

D. B. Adams was elected to succeed himself as school director for the term of three years. On motion of C. B. Holton it was voted to instruct the school board to make investigations in view of borrowing money at a lower rate of interest. A tax of 70 cents was raised. Under the new law the town school district by voting a 70-cent tax will have all the tuition money paid to graded schools returned to them at the end of the year. This will approximately mean from \$300 to \$700.

WILL PLAY OFF TIE.

Cribbage Teams of Clan Gordon and F. of A.

The tie game between the cribbage teams of Clan Gordon and the Foresters of America will be played off in the rooms of the Cosmopolitan club, Thursday evening at 7 o'clock sharp.

Bethel Stonemason Married.

Bethel, March 12.—William Favin, a stonemason, and Miss Kate Reed were married Saturday evening at the home of the bride by the Rev. George M. Foster, the Universalist pastor.